Abstract
Competitiveness is a complex concept. The concept gained in importance as consequence of globalization. There are many ways to measure it and results of these different approaches are published on a regular base, often in a conflicting way. For cities and city regions it is difficult to interpret the results and decide if they have to alter their policies or not.
In this paper I suggest to use a transparent monitoring system based on one source, Eurostat, to measure the economic competitiveness of city regions and cities. The system can be used to analyze changes in competitiveness. The paper ends with some general explanations for the changes that occurred between 1995 and 2011.